(c) and (d) There is no proposal j at present to import pulses on Gov ernment account. However, import of pulses continues to be allowed under the Open General Licence (OGL) and NAFED is the registering agency for import of pulses. NAFED has regis tered a quantity of 6.98 lakh tonnes fo$_r$ import during 1990-91 (Upto November, 1990), against a quantity of 7.20 lakh tonnes registered during the whole of the financial year 1989- | 90. !

Setting up of new Sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh

193. KUMARI ALIA;
SHRI SHLV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL AND SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some more sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh during the next year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND j CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN); (a) and (b) The Central Government does not initiate proposals for setting up of new sugar factories. The proposals have t$_0$ come from entrepreneurs, who after assessing the techno-economic viability of the projects, submit applications for grant of Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for establishment of new sugar factories at specific locations. There applications are then considered by the Central Government according to the licensing policy guidelines and other parameters stipulated in this regard. |

Increased demand for seats in Vaigai and Pallavan express trains

194. SHRI TINDIVANAM G VENKATRAMAN: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to meet the increased demand for seats in Vaigai and Pallavan Express trains;

(a) how many unreserve coaches have been provided in these superfast trains; and

(b) what steps are being taken to meet the growing traffic demand between Trichi and Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRi BHAKTA CHAR AN DAS): (a) Introduction of additional trains and augmentation of train composition is a continuous process subject to resource availability, operational feasibility and traffic justification.

(b) There are generally three unreserved coaches running by each of these trains.

(c) Existing train facilities are considered adequate for the present level of traffic between Trichi and Madurai.

Agreement with Radisson Hotel Corporation of U.S.A.

195. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1925 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 1990 and state the number of bookings which ITDC have received from Radisson Hotels International network. Hotel-wise and amount received so far since the agreement was signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): The agreements take some time before resultant flow of bookings take place. So far, only 1 room night booking has been received from recently concluded agreement with M/s Radisson Hotels Corporation accruing an income of US $106.

196 SHRI SHIV PRATAP MTSHRA-Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(b) whether N.D.D.B. has any proposal under its consideration to set up an oil packaging unit; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The packaging stations have to be set up by cooperatives/private sectors. However, NDDB owns the packaging plants and pays charges to the packaging stations for packing of oil.

Declaration of housing as an industry

197. SHRT GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVEVLOP-MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare housing as an Industry to facilitate housing construction activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) Government has taken a number of steps to facilitate housing construction such as additional mobilisation of resources through loan linked contractual savings scheme of National Housing Bank, increased allocation of banking sector funds, expansion of HUDCO financing for housing and infra-structure, promotion of cost effective building materials and technologies, etc. Government is of the view that declaration of housing as an industry may not by itself facilitate housing construction. There is therefore, no specific proposal under consideration in thi$_s$ regard.

198. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Fertiliser scarcity to continue" as reported in the 'Indian Express' of the 4th December, 1990;

(b) if so, whether there is any scarcity of the two vital fertilisers namely nitrogenous and phosphate in the country due to stoppage of import of phos and Ammonia in the wake of Gulf crisis;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remove the shortage of fertilisers in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to give any incentive to the fertiliser industry?

THE , MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DE-VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Yes, sir.

(a) There is no overall scarcity of fertilisers in the country

(b) question does not arise.

(b) No additional incentive to the fertiliser industry is under consideration of the Government.

Visit of Secretary-General, WTO to Boost Tourism trend in the country

199. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organisation during his recent visit to India has suggested some measures to boost tourism potentials and also to overcome the difficulties be'ng faced in this regard;